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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 30, 2008, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response includes:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.